

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 854
By Lewis

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Frank Vanzant of
Tullahoma High School on receiving the
"Presidential Award for Excellence in
Mathematics and Science Teaching".

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those special persons who have dedicated themselves to one of our most important professions, teaching, and who, through their knowledge, considerable skills and love of young people, are shaping the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vanzant is one such remarkable citizen whose exceptional work as a mathematics teacher at Tullahoma High School has not gone unnoticed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vanzant was recently named the recipient of the "Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching Award" for his outstanding performance and peerless contributions to education; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1983, the "Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching" makes classroom grants to improve math and science programs; and

WHEREAS, this honor brings distinction to Mr. Vanzant, to Tullahoma High School and to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vanzant received his B.S. degree in engineering, his M.S. in mathematics and his Ed.S. in math education from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; and

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WHEREAS, for ten years, Frank Vanzant has been teaching at Tullahoma High School and has become a cherished member of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vanzant has served with distinction, unparalleled devotion and genuine concern, and he has earned the respect and esteem of his students, fueling their thirst for knowledge and inspiring them to strive for the achievement of their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vanzant's exemplary tenure is evidenced by the numerous awards and accolades he has received, even a brief list of which is inspiring: the 1997 Intel National Award Winner in the teaching of mathematics, 1995 Tandy Technology Scholar, 1993 National Educator Award, 1993 Tennessee Teacher of the Year Finalist, 1993 Tullahoma Teacher of the Year for Grades 9-12, the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Governor's School for International Studies and the Teacher of the Year Award from the Society of the Sigma Xi; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Frank Vanzant is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Sylvia, who is a first grade teacher at Rock Creek Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Frank Vanzant's family, friends and community are quite proud of his meritorious example of academic and professional excellence; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a community is blessed with such a truly talented and giving educator as Frank Vanzant who, through his dedication to the profession he loves and the people he treasures, has positively influenced many young people who are truly Tennessee's most precious resource; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Mr. Frank Vanzant upon receiving the "Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching" and salute his stalwart devotion to his students and to his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.